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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2880

Introduced by Assembly Member Lieu
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Laird and Saldana)

February 24, 2006

An act to add Section 40520 to the Public Resources Code, relating to air quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2880, as amended, Lieu. California Integrated Waste Management Board: green buildings.

Existing law creates the California Integrated Waste Management Board in the California Environmental Protection Agency. Existing law, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, establishes a comprehensive program implemented by the board and local agencies to reduce, recycle, and reuse solid waste generated in the state in an efficient and cost-effective manner to conserve water, energy and other natural resources, and to protect the environment, among other purposes.

This bill would require the board, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and other relevant state agencies, to gather, analyze, and make available to the public, in part through ~~a Website~~ *an Internet Web site*, public resources about green buildings, as defined. This bill would require the board to establish an advisory committee, as specified, and seek

the advice of the advisory committee in developing, maintaining, and updating the *Internet* Web site, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 40520 is added to the Public Resources
2 Code, to read:

3 40520. (a) The board, in consultation with the State Energy
4 Resources Conservation and Development Commission and
5 other relevant state agencies, shall gather, analyze, and make
6 available to the public, resources about green buildings,
7 including, but not limited to, the following:

8 (1) Information on practitioners and suppliers in the green
9 building industry.

10 (2) Information on rebates, tax credits, and other incentives for
11 green buildings.

12 (3) Educational brochures, booklets, handbooks, and other
13 offerings on green buildings.

14 (4) Information about green building organizations.

15 (5) Model ordinances that deal with green buildings.

16 (6) All general information about green buildings that would
17 be useful to the public.

18 (b) By January 1, 2008, the board shall make the information
19 under subdivision (a) available on an easy to use, easily
20 accessible *Internet* Web site.

21 (1) To the extent technologically and economically feasible,
22 the *Internet* Web site shall allow users to search for green
23 building resources by building type, by entering a city name or
24 zip code.

25 (2) The board shall promote the *Internet* Web site using
26 advertising, public service announcements, flyers for use by local
27 agencies, *Internet* Web links, and other means.

28 (c) (1) The board shall establish an advisory committee to
29 help the board ensure that the resources listed on the *Internet*
30 Web site are credible and valid green building resources.

31 (2) The board shall consult with the advisory committee in
32 developing the *Internet* Web site. On or before January 1, 2009,

1 and annually thereafter, the board shall consult with the advisory
2 committee to evaluate and update the *Internet* Web site.

3 (3) The advisory committee shall include *qualified and*
4 *experienced* representatives of ~~the United States Green Building~~
5 ~~Council, the Collaborative for High Performance Schools~~
6 *recognized green building organizations*, local government,
7 recognized environmental advocacy groups, and the architecture
8 and home building industry groups that have established interests
9 in the field of green buildings. To the extent feasible, the
10 advisory committee shall include expertise in each of the
11 principal building types or industry sectors, including, but not
12 limited to, the commercial, residential, educational, and
13 institutional sectors, for which resources are listed.

14 (4) *Members of the advisory committee shall be selected based*
15 *on their experience, qualifications, and industry-specific*
16 *references.*

17 (d) As used in this section, “green building” means a structure
18 that is designed, built, renovated, operated, or reused in an
19 ecological and resource efficient manner.